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Investigation of:

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Interview of: TED BEAUDET

National Transportation Safety Board 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20594

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October 9, 2005

The above-captioned matter convened, pursuant to notice at 10:15 a.m.

BEFORE: BRIAN CURTIS

## APPEARANCES:

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National Transportation Safety Board

PETER GIONET
New York State Parks

MAURICE ALDRICH
Warren County Sheriff's Office

HUGH QUIRK Shoreline Cruises

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- (10:15 a.m.)
- 3 MR. CURTIS: Good morning. It's October 9th at
- 4 10:15, and we're going to be interviewing Mr. Ted Beaudet for
- 5 any information he may have regarding the Ethan Allen and the
- 6 accident it had on October 2nd. Ted, what we're going to do,
- 7 we're here with the NTSB to conduct a safety investigation
- 8 regarding that accident, and we feel you may have some
- 9 information that may be beneficial to our investigation. So
- 10 we'd like to speak with you this morning and ask you some
- 11 questions. And to get started, we'll go around the room to
- 12 identify who's doing the interview for future transcription.
- 13 My name is Brian Curtis with the NTSB.
- 14 MR. QUIRK: I'm Hugh Quirk from Shoreline Cruises.
- 15 MR. GIONET: Peter Gionet, New York State Parks.
- MR. HENRY: Rob Henry, NTSB.
- 17 MR. ALDRICH: And Investigator Moe Aldrich with
- 18 Warren County Sheriff's.
- MR. CURTIS: And, Ted, just acknowledge that we're
- 20 recording the conservation.
- MR. BEAUDET: I'll acknowledge that. I'm Ted
- 22 Beaudet.
- 23 INTERVIEW OF TED BEAUDET
- BY MR. CURTIS:
- Q. And we'll get started. And like I say, if you want

- 1 to take a break any time, just let us know and we'll pause it.
- 2 First a little bit of your history, the background you had,
- 3 when you started with the company and how long you worked with
- 4 them and such.
- 5 A. I started with Shoreline Cruises in May of 2004,
- 6 leaving in August of 2005. And prior to that, I worked for
- 7 the -- and excavator doing backhoe and bulldozer work for a
- 8 year. Prior to that, I worked for United Mohawk Power
- 9 Corporation as a chief line mechanic, and I was there 32 years.
- 10 Q. Okay. And with Shoreline your title was, and your
- 11 function?
- 12 A. Well, actually, I was hired as a handyman. I did
- 13 some minor electrical work and plumbing. I did painting and
- 14 varnishing on the boats and minor maintenance.
- 15 Q. Do you work on all the vessels or, or just --
- 16 A. I worked on all the cruise boats, not the rentals or
- 17 pontoon boats. Very little duties on those.
- 18 Q. And just a little more detail as to the
- 19 responsibilities you have day to day for your job.
- 20 A. Normally, I start at about seven o'clock. I'd come
- 21 in and first I'd check the oils in all the diesel engines in
- 22 all the different tour boats; check the fluid levels as far as,
- 23 you know, anti-freeze and water in the cooling systems.
- Q. Okay. Regarding the -- specifically the Ethan Allen,
- 25 did you -- would you be responsible for daily check on that

- 1 boat, and what would be involved if you were?
- 2 A. Normally, I'd checked the oils each morning on the
- 3 Ethan Allen.
- 4 Q. Was there anything else? Oils. Would you do any
- 5 other parts of the vessel or --
- A. Not really. You know, if I was down in the engine
- 7 room, I'd visually look at things, that's all.
- Q. Okay. With the port hole, would you necessarily look
- 9 in there? Was that --
- 10 A. Not normally, no.
- 11 Q. Would anybody else be responsible for doing checks on
- 12 the boat, other than yourself, during the course of the day?
- 13 A. Yeah, the captains would also check those things,
- 14 fluid levels, as they came in. They usually start around
- 15 10:00, or 9:30 they'd come in.
- Q. Was there any requirement or was that just word of
- 17 mouth?
- 18 A. I think they were required to do it. And Jim had
- 19 asked me to, you know, check them, too, and fill them if needed
- 20 so they wouldn't have to.
- 21 Q. Do you know -- did you notice if they would
- 22 necessarily check all the hulls for bilge water or
- 23 (indiscernible)?
- A. Not really. I don't know if they did that or not.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. I know, when you open the engine room cover, you'd be
- 2 able to see any bilge water or anything like that.
- 3 Q. Typically, would they get much bilge water in there
- 4 or -- I'm speaking of the Ethan Allen.
- 5 A. No, not much.
- 6 Q. Do you know the frequency them having to be pumped
- 7 or --
- 8 A. They were pumped in -- the Ethan Allen, I think, was
- 9 pumped a couple of times in the spring because they had a
- 10 problem with a water pump.
- 11 Q. But typically day to day --
- 12 A. Day to day --
- 13 Q. -- how frequency --
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. -- would they --
- 16 A. You might have to sponge up a little, but you
- 17 normally try to keep any of the wooden vessels as dry as
- 18 possible, even to the point of sponging them up, because it
- 19 just causes rot eventually if you let the water lay in them.
- Q. Or if you had a heavy rain, would that necessarily
- 21 put water in the bilges or do they shed the water pretty much?
- 22 A. The shed the water pretty well. I didn't notice
- 23 excess. Unless it was a blowing, you might get a little bit.
- 24 Q. Was it enough that they had to pump or use --
- 25 A. No, it was --

- 1 Q. It was no appreciable?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Did you ride the boats yourself as a crew member or
- 4 just check rides very often?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 O. No?
- 7 A. I went out once during my time there and that was
- 8 just before I left, to hear the schpiel from the captain about
- 9 the houses on the lake.
- 10 Q. Did you ride the Ethan Allen? Do you recall which
- 11 vessel it was?
- 12 A. I'm not sure, to tell you the truth. It was either
- 13 that or the Champlain, because they're both pretty similar.
- O. On the Ethan Allen, do you recall any mechanical
- 15 problems that they were having with that or any -- during the
- 16 course of your work there?
- 17 A. The only thing I recall was a water pump that they
- 18 had changed earlier in the spring, and that as probably late
- 19 June.
- Q. And that was this year?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. Yeah. Anybody else voice any concerns of -- whether
- 23 it be concerns for the vessel, mechanical or how it rode or
- 24 anything like that?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. No. Did you ever see any passengers having
- 2 reservations about boarding the vessel?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. One question. Between the engine and the forward
- 5 hold on Ethan Allen, any number of holds, are those separate,
- 6 independent, as far as you know, spaces? Would they drain
- 7 common? Are you familiar with that?
- 8 A. I think the bulkhead is a solid bulkhead and I think
- 9 they're separate. Most of the boats, any time you, like, run a
- 10 wire through the bulkhead, you got to caulk it.
- 11 Q. Regarding the bilge pumps, did you ever see them test
- 12 it or run, or how frequently they'd done it --
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. -- on the Ethan Allen?
- 15 A. If I use -- if I pumped anything, I'd used a separate
- 16 pump.
- 17 Q. But you're saying the water you got in there was
- 18 usually sponged up?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. When you do these daily checklists, are they written
- 21 down anywhere or they just visual checks and --
- 22 A. No, I don't believe there's any logs kept. The only
- 23 thing I did, when I'd change the oil in any of the, in any of
- 24 the engines, I'd write the date of the oil change on the oil
- 25 sticker. That way we knew when it was it changed, and we

- 1 approximated the hours for --
- 2 Q. But --
- 3 A. -- the time that -- so we'd change it again in the --
- 4 \$200 or whatever. I'm sorry.
- 5 Q. You didn't fill out any checklists, though, as you
- 6 did your daily checks for levels and --
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Regarding maintenance, say you changed the oil or the
- 9 oil filter, or any day-to-day maintenance, would you keep a log
- 10 of that? Was there a log kept, a written log?
- 11 A. Not for the Ethan Allen. There's logs in the
- 12 Adirondac that were supplied when the boat was new, but I don't
- 13 remember any logs being kept. Where I kept track of what oil
- 14 filters went with which boats, sometimes I'd write on that.
- 15 You know, rip the cover off so you can write on it what boat
- 16 that oil filter was for so I could remember in my own mind.
- 17 Q. Say you had a broken hose, and the captain was out on
- 18 a trip and had a broken hose, how would he -- who would he
- 19 report it to, how would you find out about it, and who would
- 20 give you directions to fix it, and how would they know that you
- 21 had in fact fixed it? So the whole process of, say, a broken
- 22 hose.
- A. Well, it's all word of mouth. Normally, if they came
- 24 in and they saw me they'd tell me right away, but they'd also
- 25 go to Jim, and Jim was usually the one that made sure

- 1 everything got done. He'd come to me or find me or --
- 2 Q. Say he had a broken hose and he came to you and he
- 3 didn't tell the owner, Jim, would -- and you fixed it on your
- 4 own, would you necessarily have to report that to Jim?
- 5 A. I would, yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And would that be --
- 7 A. I don't know if would be a requirement, but --
- 8 Q. There were written requirements --
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. -- for those types of things?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. And if you did, in fact, say you changed a hose,
- 13 would you have written that down and passed it to anybody?
- A. Well, I'd tell the captain, probably.
- Okay. But you wouldn't give no --
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 O. -- written documents at all?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Do you know if any of the vessels, aside from the
- 20 Ethan Allen, if they did maintenance on them, was it recorded
- 21 or logged in any manner?
- 22 A. I know the Adirondac has a logbook in the engine
- 23 room. We recorded oil changes, transmission oil changes.
- Q. And would that logbook go to the office or you know,
- 25 once it --

- 1 A. That stayed in the engine room.
- Q. Okay. So it wasn't necessarily passed onto the
- 3 office, that you're aware of?
- A. No. I know the captain had a daily log, a captain's
- 5 log, for that vessel, also.
- 6 Q. For?
- 7 A. A regular checklist.
- 8 Q. Which vessel?
- 9 A. Adirondac.
- 10 Q. Do you have any checklists for the -- that the
- 11 captain may have used for the Ethan Allen?
- 12 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 13 Q. Regarding passengers on board, what was a typical
- 14 passenger load that you'd see them leave with?
- 15 A. Oh boy. Anywhere from two to thirty. Mostly it's
- 16 charters (indiscernible), but I really didn't keep track of
- 17 what they went out with all the time. I was doing other
- 18 things.
- 19 Q. How often would you say that they may have had, say,
- 20 near capacity trips, the frequency?
- 21 A. Not too often.
- 22 Q. Not too often meaning --
- 23 A. I'd say maybe once a week, if they were lucky and had
- 24 a good week.
- Q. At that time, they would load it pretty much up to

- 1 capacity?
- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. I apologize for the jumping around. I just have all
- 4 these questions and I don't necessarily --
- 5 A. That's all right.
- 6 Q. In the forward compartment of the Ethan Allen,
- 7 there's some lead bricks or weights down there. Do you know
- 8 when they were put there, or they were just there, and are you
- 9 familiar with them?
- 10 A. I'm not even familiar with them.
- 11 Q. Okay. Have you seen them down there at all?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Have you ever been down in the forward space of the
- 14 Ethan Allen?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. How about the engine space, have you worked down in
- 17 the engine space of the Ethan Allen? Any steering problems
- 18 you're aware of with the Ethan Allen in the past
- 19 (indiscernible)?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. Ethan Allen has a Cummins in it now. They changed
- 22 out. Do you know anything about the change-out and why and
- 23 when?
- A. No, that was before I was employed there.
- 25 Q. Did anybody say the vessel, the Ethan Allen as

- 1 opposed to the De Champlain any other vessels, that they rode
- 2 differently, better, worse?
- 3 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- 4 Q. I understand it has a newer fuel tank in the
- 5 Ethan Allen. Has that been since you worked there or was
- 6 that --
- 7 A. It's before me, I quess.
- 8 MR. CURTIS: That's all I have right now. I'll pass
- 9 it on to Hugh.
- 10 MR. QUIRK: I don't have any questions right now.
- 11 MR. CURTIS: Pete.
- MR. GIONET: No questions.
- 13 BY MR. HENRY:
- Q. Mr. Beaudet, why did you leave the company?
- 15 A. A better job. I went back to the former employer. I
- 16 work for United Mohawk Power Company --
- 17 Q. Um-hum.
- 18 A. -- (indiscernible). A really good deal.
- 19 Q. What were the work conditions like at Shoreline?
- 20 A. Oh, I enjoyed that job quite a bit. I thought it was
- 21 quite good working conditions. They treated me with respect
- 22 and were nice to me, you know. But I went for a place that
- 23 pays a lot more money, that's all.
- Q. So you would've stayed there had you not gotten that
- 25 other offer?

- 1 A. Sure.
- Q. Okay. Now, you had said earlier that you didn't
- 3 actually see the bilge pump ever being operated or check out
- 4 its operation?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you check out any of the piping for it or the
- 7 hoses or check the valves?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And you're not familiar with how it operates?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. The Cummins engine in the Ethan Allen, did you ever
- 12 operate the engine, test run it?
- 13 A. Yeah, prior to oil changes, I'd warm it up so the oil
- 14 pumped out easier. Then I checked it after, after my oil
- 15 change for, you know, leaks around the oil filter or whatever.
- 16 Q. Do you remember the last time the oil was changed on
- 17 it? The last time you saw it running?
- 18 A. I'd say it'd be mid-July when we changed the oil.
- 19 I'm not sure. It'll be, probably, on a marker on the oil
- 20 filter. (indiscernible).
- 21 Q. So you ran the engine long enough to get it warmed
- 22 up?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Did you normally look over the engine at that time
- 25 for any leaks --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. -- or any problems?
- 3 A. Right.
- Q. Now, that engine is -- and I'm going to sketch it out
- 5 here and ask Brian to help me, because you were actually on top
- 6 of it at the time.
- 7 MR. CURTIS: Just to interrupt, this is Rob Henry.
- 8 MR. HENRY: Rob Henry.
- 9 MR. CURTIS: Excuse me.
- 10 MR. HENRY: That's right, Rob Henry, NTSB. Excuse me
- 11 for not introducing myself. Here's the Cummins engine. This
- 12 is that bulkhead that separates the engine room from the
- 13 forward space.
- MR. BEAUDET: Okay.
- MR. HENRY: Over here you would have your raw water
- 16 intake. It runs --
- 17 MR. BEAUDET: Yeah.
- MR. HENRY: The exhaust comes out something like this
- 19 and runs aft.
- MR. BEAUDET: Um-hum.
- MR. HENRY: There's a inch and a half hose.
- MR. CURTIS: A rubber hose.
- BY MR. HENRY:
- Q. A rubber hose that runs somewhere over here, and I
- 25 think there was some sort of a box with a cooler. Are you

- 1 familiar with that hose?
- 2 A. Yeah, I've seen it, yeah.
- 3 Q. Did you ever look at it --
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. -- and see that it was leaking? Do you normally look
- 6 at these hoses when it's operating to see if it's --
- 7 A. Normally, yeah.
- 8 Q. Okay. But to your knowledge, the last time you ran
- 9 that engine and looked at it, there was no problems with either
- 10 that hose or anything else?
- 11 A. No, not that I know of.
- 12 Q. Do you know if what hose is used for, what part of
- 13 the engine it services?
- 14 A. Well, I believe it's for the exhaust water, exhaust
- 15 coolant.
- 16 Q. Now, is that, is that -- can you explain the cooling
- 17 system on this engine?
- MR. CURTIS: Actually, it tied in --
- 19 MR. BEAUDET: I'm not a real decent mechanic.
- 20 MR. CURTIS: -- and the water to the --
- 21 MR. BEAUDET: I know that raw water comes in and
- 22 goes -- cools the engine plus the exhaust pipes. So the water
- 23 goes out the back with the exhaust for cooling?
- 24 BY MR. HENRY:
- Q. So is this hose part of that system?

- 1 A. I assume it is.
- 2 Q. So if the engine is running and we're running raw
- 3 water, there's a raw water pump?
- 4 A. Yeah, with an impeller, yeah.
- 5 Q. Now, is that before or after this hose?
- A. I believe it's before that. I think it's up in the
- 7 forward.
- 8 Q. So this hose --
- 9 A. The port side of the engine.
- 10 Q. -- is going to be under some sort of pressure?
- 11 A. I would assume, yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. I'm not real familiar with, you know, all the aspects
- 14 of diesel engines. You know, I take the oil out of them and
- 15 put it back in.
- 16 Q. Okay. But when you operate it, you give it a good
- 17 look-over --
- 18 A. Normally, yeah.
- 19 Q. -- for all the couplings? Was there any standard
- 20 within the organization on the number of couplings for systems
- 21 that were directly tied to through-hull fittings? Because, in
- 22 looking at this engine, I notice --
- A. You mean hose clamps?
- 24 Q. Yeah.
- 25 A. Yeah, there's probably two on each end of each hose.

- 1 Q. Okay. Was that --
- 2 A. That looks pretty much standard on all the bolts, you
- 3 know, on all the engines. Along with (indiscernible).
- 4 Q. Is that something (indiscernible)?
- 5 A. You might, yeah. I don't know if you'd look
- 6 specifically for that, but --
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. -- if you noticed it, of course you'd probably
- 9 correct it.
- 10 Q. Do you ever check the valve on this through-hull
- 11 fitting?
- 12 A. No. The through-hull valve, you mean?
- 13 Q. Right.
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. So you're not aware of any practice to turn this --
- 16 shut this valve at night or when the vessel's not operating,
- 17 and open it up during that day? To your knowledge, is that
- 18 left pretty much open?
- 19 A. I don't -- I think it is, yeah.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever get a look into the lazerette or
- 21 the steering quadrant in the Ethan Allen?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. That was not part of your checks or it was?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Whose job was it to check and fill the fuel tank?

- 1 A. Dick Paris normally fueled all the boats and I
- 2 assisted him on Thursday mornings.
- 3 Q. On Thursday mornings. And how do you check fuel
- 4 levels?
- 5 A. There's a dipstick.
- 6 Q. For each vessel or one that you carried around?
- 7 A. Well, for the Ethan Allen, the Algonquin, and the
- 8 De Champlain have dipsticks.
- 9 Q. Okay. Where do you, where do you test the level?
- 10 A. They're through-hull, right through the decking,
- 11 right in the center of the deck.
- 12 Q. And what type of fuel do you use?
- 13 A. Diesel fuel.
- 14 O. And do you normally fill it up if it's below a
- 15 certain level? How do you fill it?
- A. Well, there's a diesel truck that comes and delivers
- 17 the fuel. They got a long hose they drag out on the docks,
- 18 with a fuel filler pipe on the side of the boat, and like I
- 19 said, in the center of the deck there's a dipstick. They got a
- 20 little key that you can bring it up to take the cap off and
- 21 there's a dipstick inside.
- Q. Okay. Do you ever -- when you were running the
- 23 engine, did you ever examine the exhaust?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Do you know what kind of an exhaust system they have

- 1 on the Ethan Allen?
- 2 A. No, I guess not. I know it's water-cooled, but --
- 3 Q. Okay.
- A. -- other than that, I don't.
- 5 MR. HENRY: Okay, that's all I have.
- 6 MR. CURTIS: Moe?
- 7 BY MR. ALDRICH:
- 8 Q. Mr. -- excuse me. Mr. Beaudet, were there any other
- 9 mechanics employed at Shoreline that you know of while you were
- 10 there, and while you --
- 11 A. Well, they used mechanics from the sales division on
- 12 sales (indiscernible).
- Q. Okay. So there were in-house, the mechanics, then?
- 14 A. Well, I think that's a separate corporation, but I
- 15 don't know how they did the financing and who paid for them
- 16 when he did the marina, but --
- 17 Q. Okay. So if there was -- if the situation arose
- 18 where there would be a need to have like a heavy repair done,
- 19 that wasn't something that you did?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. So they would have the boat sent somewhere or have
- 24 somebody come in to take care of that?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Okay. Do you know who that company was or --
- 2 A. Well, it was Shoreline Sales.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. They'd send a mechanic over.
- 5 Q. And during the time that you were employed there, did
- 6 any of vessels in the fleet need to have somebody aside from
- 7 yourself come in and like fix anything, take care of anything?
- 8 A. Well, John Deere came in under the warranty and did
- 9 some repairs on the Adirondac. I know they contracted somebody
- 10 to change an engine in the Algonquin, but other than that, no.
- 11 Q. And how, how was the company made aware of the
- 12 problem when that situation arose with John Deere coming in?
- 13 Did somebody tell them?
- 14 A. Yeah. The captain had a problem with the engine.
- 15 Q. And they would tell you, and then you would --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. All right.
- 18 MR. ALDRICH: That's all I have.
- 19 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis, NTSB.
- 20 BY MR. CURTIS:
- Q. When you, when you first started, Ted, with the
- 22 company, what was your initiation? How did they break you into
- 23 your responsibilities and who did that?
- 24 A. Well, I just -- Jim give me a walk through of the
- 25 buildings and just mostly I was hired for building maintenance

- 1 to begin with, and then as I was there longer, they give me
- 2 more duties to do. So --
- 3 Q. Were you told specifically when you do these daily
- 4 checks, what to check for or they just told you to check the
- 5 vessels? How was that conveyed to you?
- 6 A. Boy. I guess -- they gave some specifics but, you
- 7 know, I took on other stuff on my own to look at, you know, if
- 8 you're there, look, you're there, so you do it, you know.
- 9 Q. In the exhaust system, have you ever seen any leaks
- 10 in the piping or manifolds in your time doing any checks?
- 11 A. Not in those boats. We had a problem with the
- 12 Adirondac where we had some leaks, but the propeller went and
- 13 the water pump and it cooked a couple of the exhaust
- 14 (indiscernible) that we had to replace but -- it became porous.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now all these different -- the rubber hoses,
- 16 cooling hoses, lake water hoses, raw water hoses, do you know
- 17 if they change those annually or whether there was a specific
- 18 maintenance frequency for changing those?
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 O. On the Ethan Allen, it has a Cummins. If there was
- 21 major engine -- if there was a major engine breakdown or -- do
- 22 you know who would do their heavy engine work on that?
- 23 A. Like I say, they have the mechanic from Shoreline
- 24 Sales come over and probably if it wasn't something he couldn't
- 25 handle, I don't know who they would go to at that point.

- 1 Q. Okay. And while you were a mechanic there, were
- 2 there other mechanics that worked with you? Were you the only
- 3 one on the dock at the time or --
- 4 A. No, there was a fellow, Rick. What's Rick's last
- 5 name?
- 6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Potter.
- 7 MR. BEAUDET: Potter. Yeah, he'd help out
- 8 occasionally or I'd help him on something but his duties mostly
- 9 included the rental boats.
- 10 BY MR. CURTIS:
- 11 Q. So did you ever go as a crew member on any of the
- 12 vessels or --
- 13 A. No, no.
- MR. CURTIS: That's all I have. Hugh?
- MR. QUIRK: Nothing.
- 16 MR. GIONET: Pete Gionet, New York State Park.
- 17 BY MR. GIONET:
- 18 Q. Let's get back to the water pump on the Cummins. You
- 19 said that it was -- did you say it had to be repaired or
- 20 replaced?
- 21 A. I believe it was replaced.
- 22 Q. Replaced. Who would -- would you have done that work
- 23 or would it have been an outside --
- 24 A. Rick and I did it.
- Q. Okay. Did you replace the hoses on either side of it

- 1 at that time?
- 2 A. I don't believe so.
- 3 Q. Okay. You said you did a lot of painting, varnish
- 4 work and that?
- 5 A. Yep.
- Q. Did you ever do anything on the top of the boat?
- 7 A. Other than cleaning, no.
- Q. Okay. What's the general -- I've never -- I haven't
- 9 seen the top of the boats in a while. Are they Fiberglas?
- 10 A. Fiberglas.
- 11 Q. Oh, okay. You have --
- 12 A. Yeah, they're Fiberglas. I've been on the tops of
- 13 them.
- 14 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 15 A. Fiberglas over wood.
- 16 Q. It can hold your weight well?
- 17 A. Oh, yeah.
- 18 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 19 MR. GIONET: I think that's it.
- MR. HENRY: Rob Henry, NTSB.
- BY MR. HENRY:
- Q. Did you ever work on the seats, varnish the wood
- 23 or --
- 24 A. No, no.
- 25 Q. Are you, are you skillful in welding, arc welding

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    or --
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         A. No, I don't do welding.
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              MR. HENRY: That's all I have.
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              MR. CURTIS: I guess that's all the questions we
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    have, Ted. It's 10:40, and this concludes the interview with
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    Ted Beaudet. Thank you, sir.
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              (Whereupon, at 10:40 a.m., the interview in the
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    above-entitled matter was concluded.)
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